

WEST END TE KURA Ō MŌRERE

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tena koutou katoa,
 Sorry for the late newsletter as I joined six staff at Oeo Marae last week on a Maori language hui. This was an amazing experience and being in an immersion setting for a few days was the best way for us to improve our reo. Thank you to all the whanau who came along to parent and teacher conferences. We were thrilled to have the opportunity to connect again especially with the focus on your child's learning. The connection between home and school is vital in regards to children's learning. Building positive relationships around honest conversations is part of our whanaungatanga and Ako values. We talk as a staff about our students being the 'why' we do what we do. This is central to our mission statement "West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere is committed to developing responsible citizens who are confident, creative, actively involved life long learners.

Inter School Results vs Woodleigh

Rugby 48-72 loss
 Netball Yr 6 3-14 Loss
 Netball Yr 5 2-5 Loss
 Football 1-7 Loss

We are proud of all the students who took part and played with mana and a positive attitude. Next fixture is at home vs Vogeltown this Wednesday.

MATARIKI OR PUANGA?



This year Aotearoa acknowledges and celebrates the Maori New Year with a public holiday.

For the first time we have a public holiday to recognise the importance of Matariki to Tangata Whenua. Matariki is a time to remember whanau, share kai, enjoy the company of family and celebrate the lives of those who we lost this year.

In Taranaki we call this time Puanga. Matariki is a star in the Pleiades star cluster or The Seven Sisters. Seeing the star Matariki is difficult in Taranaki due to our geography. Instead we look for the star Puanga, which is higher in the sky than Matariki.



PUANGA WEEK

We will be celebrating Puanga (the Maori New Year as celebrated in Taranaki) as a school in Week 8 (Monday 20 - Thursday 23). All classes will be involved in activities throughout the week.

These will include tuakana/teina activities that involve:

- Learning about Puanga (Matariki)
- Kaitiakitanga (caring for our environment)
- Planting shrubs/trees in our new school wetland
- Preparing kai to share

On Thursday 23 June we are preparing to celebrate as a school whanau with shared kai (soup and bread) and the opening of our Wetlands 'Te Repo'.

Classes will be asking for donations of vegetables/flour/bread etc via individual Seesaw pages to ensure we don't have an oversupply of what is required to prepare/cook/bake for our shared kai.

If you have a specific way in which you would like to be involved or are able to offer some skills/korero in and around Puanga, please feel free to email carriane@westendnp.school.nz

If you are available to support your child/childrens class in assisting with preparation of vegetables, soup, boil up, making bread alongside groups of children, please make contact with your child's teacher via Seesaw. I'm sure they will welcome your support.

We welcome you to join us for kai on Thursday 23rd June at 1 pm followed by the opening of our Wetlands at 2 pm.

RIPPA RUGBY



Thursday we will be attending a Rippa Rugby tournament at Tukapa Rugby Club. There will be many teams from local schools having a fun day. Last week we had Ben Sefleet come and meet with our tamariki. Ben is the Rugby Development Office for the Taranaki Rugby Football Union. We look forward to our teams having fun and enjoying playing sport and representing our school. Kia kaha!

FUNDRAISING AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The fundraising committee met last week to plan and review our fundraising plans for the year. They would like to express their thanks for the support with our Bike-a-thon, Easter Raffle and Firewood raffle. They would also like to thank Jeff Wells for the donation of the firewood. We are really appreciative of his generous support of our school.

Our committee is running the Mitre 10 sausage sizzle on Saturday 9th July, We are looking for some volunteers to help out. If you can make it for an hour or two please get in contact with the office.

COMING UP...

Dates for Term 2

June 14	BOT meeting
June 14-16	Junior School Art Gallery visits
June 15	Inter school vs Vogeltown (Home)
June 16	Rippa Rugby Tournament- Tukapa Rugby Club
June 17	NZ Playhouse performance
June 22	Inter School vs Central (Away)
June 23	Puanga celebration day- Naming of our Wetland
June 24	Matariki- Public holiday. <u>School will be closed</u>
July 8	End of Term 2
July 25	Start of Term 3



BOARD ELECTIONS 2022

The Board elections will be held later this year. In each newsletter a current Board member will share their thoughts on the role as a Board Member.

This week Mark Dickie shares his thoughts on being a parent representative at our kura.

“Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Being on the Board of Trustees has given me a great opportunity to be involved in the school and our children's education. I enjoy the challenges and input I have been able to provide Te Kura ō Mōrere West End School and it is a pleasure to see how committed the kaiako are, towards the learning of all tamariki at our kura. One particular aspect I enjoy is witnessing the value of whanaungatanga on all levels at West End School and this is prevalent amongst all BOT members as well. I encourage all parents to consider becoming a Parent Representative on a forward thinking Board as it is a genuine opportunity to be able to give something back to our community.”



Seesaw



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